

Republican Amendments to the Democrats FY2009 Budget Proposal

During Committee consideration of the Democrats FY2009 Budget Proposal, Republicans offered dozens of amendments to extend Republican tax relief, reduce wasteful spending, address the impending entitlement crisis, and bring more fiscal accountability to Washington.

Tax Relief

Democrats on the Budget Committee:

- Rejected a clean one year fix for the AMT. *Rep. Scott Garrett (R-NJ)*
- Rejected an amendment to prevent a \$683 billion tax increase. *Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI)*
- Rejected an amendment preventing increases in marginal income tax rates. *Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)*
- Rejected an amendment preventing the reinstatement of the marriage tax. *Rep. Patrick Tiberi (R-OH)*
- Rejected an amendment preventing an assumed \$500 per child tax increase. *Rep. Jon Porter (R-NV)*
- Rejected the permanent repeal of the AMT. *Rep. John Campbell (R-CA)*
- Rejected efforts to enable individuals who live in States without an income tax to deduct State and local sales taxes. *Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)*
- Rejected an amendment preventing assumed increases in estate taxes. *Rep. Mike Conaway (R-TX)*
- Rejected an amendment preventing assumed increases in capital gains and dividend tax rates. *Rep. John Campbell (R-CA)*
- Rejected an amendment prohibiting illegal immigrants and non-citizens from receiving the earned income tax credit. *Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC)*
- Rejected an amendment protecting pensions against tax increases. *Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC)*

Reducing Wasteful Spending

Democrats on the Budget Committee:

- Rejected an amendment requiring the full House to vote on all debt limit increases. *Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX)*
- Rejected an amendment requiring all non-war, non terrorism related emergency spending exceeding \$7.3 billion to require the approval of the full budget committee. *Rep. Scott Garrett (R-NJ)*

- Rejected an amendment freezing all non-defense and non-veterans spending at 2008 enacted levels. *Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH)*
- Rejected an amendment prohibiting the use of reconciliation as a means to increase spending levels. *Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI)*
- Rejected an amendment stopping raids on the Social Security surplus. *Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX)*
- Rejected an amendment eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse by requiring 1% in savings in the overall budget. (Excepting all veterans and Social Security spending.) *Rep. Scott Garrett (R-NJ)*
- Rejected an amendment protecting money appropriated for veterans programs from being spent on other non-veteran programs. *Rep. Jon Porter (R-NV)*

Entitlement Spending

Democrats on the Budget Committee:

- Rejected an amendment to achieve savings in direct entitlement spending equal to those of Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act on 1993. *Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL)*
- Rejected an amendment reconciling and locking in Medicare and trigger savings. *Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX)*
- Rejected an amendment increasing funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. *Rep. Jon Porter (R-NV)*

Fiscal Accountability in Washington

Democrats on the Budget Committee:

- Rejected an amendment reducing deficit levels by preventing all money saved by reducing appropriations from being re-allocated. *Rep. Mike Conaway (R-TX)*
- Rejected a one year moratorium on earmarks. *Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX)*
- Rejected an amendment creating a commission to audit government spending, and bring an end to wasteful spending. *Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH)*
- Rejected an amendment to increase funding for veterans, and offset the costs by prohibiting airdropped earmarks. *Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC)*
- Rejected an amendment to bring transparency and accountability to the budgetary process by requiring roll call votes for bills over \$50 million, creating a searchable earmark database, and requiring cost estimates for conference reports. *Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI)*
- Rejected an amendment to close the loopholes in PAYGO by preventing gimmicks, such as multiple duplicate offsets or timing shifts to meet PAYGO standards. *Rep. John Campbell (R-CA)*